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SUBJECT: ROBLEDO WILL GO TO UNGA

REF: A) BA-6240

B) BA-6203

1. AFTER SOME INITIAL BACKING AND FILLING YESTERDAY MORNING, HE HAD TOLD PROMINENT FREJULI SENATOR THAT HE WOULD LEAVE FOREIGN MINISTRY AND PROBABLY WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO MAKE TRIP TO UNGA-SEE REF A), ROBLEDO IN PRESS INTERVIEW LAST EVENING SAID THAT HE WILL REMAIN ON AS FOREIGN MINISTER UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED AND THAT HE DEFINITELY RPT DEFINITELY WILL MAKE TRIP TO UN, DEPARTING FOR NY ON SEPT 20.

2. REFLECTING CONFUSION WHICH IS LIKELY TO CONTINUE TO REIGN AT FOREIGN MINISTRY AT LEAST UNTIL NEW MINISTER IS APPOINTED AND TAKES CHARGE, MINISTER'S OFFICE AS OF 0930 THIS MORNING REMAINED IN DARK AS TO MINISTER'S PLANS. HE HAD TOLD PRESS, BUT HAD NOT TOLD HIS OWN OFFICE; HENCE THEY WERE STILL UNABLE TO RESPOND TO QUESTIONS WE PUT TO THEM YESTERDAY (SEE REF B)-- QUESTIONS WHICH ALREADY ANSWERED BY MINISTER HIMSELF
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THROUGH PUBLIC MEDIA. AT 1000, MINISTER'S OFFICE CALLED BACK

TO CONFIRM HIS STATEMENTS OF PREVIOUS EVENING. THEY ALSO ASKED THAT EMBASSY ADVISE DEPARTMENT THAT FOREIGN MINISTER DOES WISH TO MEET WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER WHILE HE IS IN NEW YORK (SEPT 21-30) AND TO ASK THAT DEPT ADVISE THEM THROUGH EMBASSY OF DATE AND TIME MEETING MIGHT TAKE PLACE.

3. ACCORDING TO HIS OWN ACCOUNT, IT IS NOW EXPECTED THAT ROBLEDO WILL BE REPLACED AS FOREIGN MINISTER WHEN HE RETURNS FROM UNGA. THREE NAMES ARE BEING BANDIED ABOUT AS POSSIBLE SUCCESSORS: HIPOLITO PAZ (SEE REF A), BENITO LLAMBI (NOW AMBASSADOR TO CANADA), AND JOAQUIN DIAZ DE VIVAR (NOW AMBASSADOR TO PERU).

4. COMMENT: BOTH ROBLEDO AND MINISTRY ARE UNEQUIVOCAL IN STATEMENT OF FORMER'S PLANS. GIVEN EXISTING CONFUSION, HOWEVER, SOME CHANGE IS STILL NOT TO BE RULED OUT.

5. ACTION: REQUESTED: WE HAD ASSUMED THAT GOA HAD ALREADY ASKED FOR MEETING WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER THROUGH ARGENTINE EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON. INDEED, SOME MEMBERS OF MINISTRY HAD INDICATED TO US THIS WAS CASE AND THAT MEETING ALREADY ARRANGED. IF NOT, WE REQUEST THAT DEPARTMENT NOW ACT ON FOREIGN MINISTER ROBLEDO'S REQUEST FOR AN INTERVIEW WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER DURING TIME FORMER IS AT UNGA.
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